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COAST GUARD`S INTERVENTION WITH PRIVATE FISHING INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coast Guard at any time has sought the information from the fishery sector on the problems they face in their interactions with them;

(b) the extent to which the Coast Guard solved the problems arising from Coast Guard`s interventions with the private fishing industry;

(c) whether the Coast Guard has assured the fishery sector that they will restrict their activities to national security; and

(d) if not, the ambit of activities proposed by the Coast Guard in relation to the fishing industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The problems relating to safety of life and property at sea, if any, raised by the local fishing industry are solved during such interactions.

(c) & (d): The Coast Guard mandate is not restricted to national security activities. Its charter of duties also include Law Enforcement, Anti-Poaching, Anti-smuggling, Sea Pollution response, Search and Rescue, etc.